The Velur School.

377. Sreemati T. Madhavi Amma.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the final order given to Rev. Father Thachil, the Manager of the Church School and Lower Secondary School at Velur, in connection with the reappointment of a teacher Mr. P. P. Raman Nambiyar in the Church School?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Government have at this stage nothing to add to the answer given to part (d) to question No. 268.

The reason for stopping the grant to Mattam Church School.

378. Sreemati T. Madhavi Amma.—(a) Will they further be pleased to state the reasons for stopping the grants to the Mattam Church School;

(b) Whether they had to remove the classes of the Malayalam School at Trichur from the Church compound;

(c) If so, where and why?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) The grant to the school had to be stopped on account of the Manager's failure to give effect to certain arrangements in the staff ordered by the department.

(b) & (c) The classes of the Malayalam School had to be removed to the English Girls' School, Trichur, owing to inconveniences experienced there and to the fact that room was available in the English Girls' School building for holding the classes of the Malayalam school.

Agricultural teachers trained in the Ollukkara Central Farm.

379. Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) How many teachers have been given agricultural training at Ollukkara Central Farm last year?

(b) What is the total amount spent for that purpose?

(c) Whether all of them are engaged for teaching Agriculture in schools, and if not what is their number?

(d) Whether the Government has sent any for Agricultural training this year and if so, what is the estimated expenditure for it?

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(e) What special arrangement by way of equipment, implements, etc., has the Education Department made for teaching Agriculture in schools?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Twenty.

(b) Rs. 3,400.

(c) All of them are engaged in teaching Agriculture and in supervising school gardens in addition to their duties as ordinary teachers.

(d) Twenty teachers have been sent up for training this year. The estimated expenditure on this account is Rs. 3,250.

(e) Small amounts are allotted to Sirkar schools for fencing and for purchasing implements, manure, seeds, etc.

Seeds and plants are also supplied from the Central Farm.

Agricultural Inspectors visit school gardens and give instructions to agricultural teachers.

Managers of aided schools have been asked to make their own arrangements.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—How many hours on an average do the teachers teach Agriculture?

Mr. C. Matthai.—It is rather difficult to say. It depends upon the working of the schools and the requirements of the schools. In schools they teach not merely these subjects, but others too. In small schools it will not be more than 4 hours a week.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—What is the average amount allowed to these schools?

Mr. C. Matthai.—That depends upon the funds available. We are gradually increasing the amount according to the number of teachers available.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—May I know the average amount given to each school?

Mr. C. Matthai.—From month to month or even from week to week it varies.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—What is the maximum amount given to a school?

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Mr. C. Matthai.—You may have one school requiring large fencing, and in another walls have to be put up, so that it depends upon the extent of fencing, tools suplied, etc. Seeds are very often supplied free from the Agricultural Department. It has been found difficult to get seeds for certain schools from Trichur, and so they had to buy seeds.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—What is the maximum amount given to any particular school?

Mr. C. Matthai.—I cannot exactly say. It may exceed Rs. 100 and come below Rs. 200. I cannot give accurate figures.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—What is the minimum amount given to a school.

Mr. C. Matthai.—The minimum may be very small. It may be just Rs. 2 or 3.

President.—It all depends on the condition of the school. Sometimes a school may have to be provided with walls. Another school may require fencing.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Will the Government be further pleased to say as to how many schools the amount allowed is above Rs. 100?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Say from 30 to 40 schools. That may not be accurate. It will depend upon the number of trained teachers we have. We have sent one set to Poona. Another set is nearly finishing their training course in the Central Farm.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Do all these schools possess sufficient allotment to give instruction in this subject?

President.—You refer to Agriculture. Agriculture is different from Gardening.

Mr. C. Matthai.—You cannot differentiate Gardening from Agriculture. We have got Gardening on a small scale in almost all the schools. There are certain schools which are provided with trained agricultural teachers specially trained in Gardening, etc.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Instructions are given in Gardening, and may I know whether paddy cultivation is carried on anywhere in the State, in schools.

Mr. C. Matthai.—It is not an essential part, and we do not carry on paddy cultivation.

President.—By Agriculture we understand കൃഷി.

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Mr. C. Matthai.—Gardening is carried on in almost all schools, as I told you before. But Agriculture in the general sense of that term is carried on in 30 or 40 schools with the assistance of the specially trained teachers. There is not one single school where paddy cultivation is carried on, but we are thinking of leasing or acquiring small plots of land at Vadakkancheri and Chalakkudi and other places for cultivation, when the teachers from Poona return.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Have the Managers made any arrangements for the teaching of Agriculture in aided schools?

Mr. C. Matthai.—In some schools they have introduced it.

Prohibition of Mr. Paliyath Kunjunni Achan to speak in Government Schools.

380. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that Mr. Paliyath Kunjunni Achan was not allowed to speak in any of the Government and aided schools in the State in the year 1920 and 1921;

(b) If the answer be in the affirmative, on what grounds was the ban placed?

(c) Whether the said ban still continues and if so, whether Government will consider the removal of the ban in view of Mr. Achan's having tendered an unconditional apology to the Cochin Government in 1921 for all his political activities?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Yes.

(b) His speeches at the time were considered inflammatory.

(c) The ban was removed in July 1925.

The concession granted to Catholic Managers of Schools.

381. Mr. Paulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state, if the concession granted to the Catholic Managers by the Proceedings of the Diwan, Dis. No. 241/R/91, dated 20th March 1916, has been cancelled by any later action of Government?

Mr. C. Matthai.—The whole subject is being reviewed by Government.

382. Mr. Paulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to reassure the Catholics that the Government do not

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